



July 27, 2018

**VIA ECFS** 

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: In re Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84

**Notice of Ex Parte Presentation** 

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 26, 2018, the undersigned of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") met with Erin McGrath from Chairman O'Rielly office (via phone) regarding the *Draft Order* in the above-referenced proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Charter is uniquely positioned to discuss pole attachment reform as both an existing attacher and a new attacher. With significant investments at stake in our current facilities, as well as plans for significant additional buildout of our facilities, we understand well the challenges of balancing the interests of new attachers seeking to deploy broadband networks against the interests of property owners. Accordingly, during the meeting on July 26th, we discussed revisions to the proposed *Draft Order* that would help existing attachers protect their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84, Draft Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, FCC-CIRC1808-03 (July 12, 2018) ("Draft Order").





investment by making it easier to seek indemnification when damage has occurred during the one-touch make ready process.<sup>2</sup>

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christianna Barnhart

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cc: Erin McGrath

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Letter from Steven F. Morris, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 17-84, at 2-3 (July 23, 2018).